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Application No. 09/242,254)
Filed: May 7, 1999)
For: PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE)
STATUS OF AN ORGANISM BY PEPTIDE)
MEASUREMENT)
Examiner: Arlen Soderquist) Docket No. VOS-201

Group Art Unit: 1743

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) AND §1.17(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A one-month extension in the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 in the above-identified application, i.e., to and including January 9, 2004, is respectfully requested. Submitted herewith are: (1) a response to the Office Action and check in the amount of \$27.00 for three additional dependent claims (Small Entity basis), and (2) the required fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension of time (Small Entity Basis).

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 8, 2004

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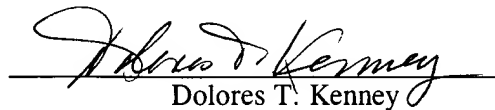
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